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Prof. George Andrews was the first to officially make a basket in the Solheim Arena. (It took him several tries, however!)

Solheim Center Activated

Solheim Center Facilities:

- Solheim Arena — 1,200-seat, double-sized multi-purpose gymnasium
- Belcher Gymnasium — the "original" gym, completely remodeled
- Thomas Racquetball Courts — 3 indoor courts
- Davis Tennis Courts — 6 outdoor courts
- Mabce Natatorium — 6 lanes, 25 yds., with electronic timing system
- Free-weight room
- Life fitness room with a variety of state-of-the-art exercise equipment
- Activity and aerobics room
- Running track — indoor, approx. 1/11 mile
- Sand Volleyball Courts — 2 outdoor courts
- 3 Classrooms
- Physical Education Office suite
- Wolgemuth Conference Room
- Lighted parking lot
- Locker rooms for both students and faculty/staff
- Stendler Lounge with vending machines and attended snack bar



The heart of the Center is the Solheim Arena, a 1,200-seat, double-sized gymnasium with an indoor running track on the mezzanine level.

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taken by student photographer Clarke Morrow.

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The Mabce Natatorium is a 25-yard, six-lane competitive indoor pool. Frank Olson (left) and Tim Wrens were the first to officially try it out.



Homecoming '96:
Fit for the Future

Almost here, Homecoming '96 will feature the Solheim Center and give you and your family the opportunity to experience the Solheim Center and all it has to offer. For more information see page 9.

"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2

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President's Message

Fit for the Future

"*Fit For The Future*" is the theme of this special issue of *NOW*. As we open the brand new Solheim Recreation and Activity Center, it is appropriate that we focus on the issue of fitness. This wonderful facility allows our campus community to make a positive impact on the physical fitness of our students, faculty and staff in a manner never before possible. In an era of enhanced concern about the health and physical vitality of our citizenry, LeTourneau's previous recreational and physical activity facilities provided little opportunity for formal instruction in the many areas of fitness . . . nor did we provide an environment where informal, personal, life-long fitness activities could be developed.

The Solheim Center changes all that. It is designed to meet almost any fitness or recreational need. It becomes the teaching center for our Physical Education major, training future teachers, recreation leaders and coaches for their professional careers. It is the home of a broad-based program of intramural sports. More than 80 percent of all residential students participate in the LeTourneau intramural program and this will allow for a larger number of activities. We opened it only a few weeks ago, but already it is daily attracting almost 400 students, faculty and staff who come simply to exercise in the fitness or weight room, swim laps in the pool, walk or jog on the indoor track, play racquetball or a "pick up" game of noon-time basketball. The University's intercollegiate Yellowjacket athletic teams will make this their new home. Already, the women's volleyball team has had several matches in the Solheim Arena.

"We want our students to be physically, spiritually, intellectually and professionally fit for the future."

With the new Solheim Center as the motivator, the Faculty/Staff Wellness Committee is sponsoring various activities to encourage a healthier lifestyle for our University family. And the Center will serve as an outreach to the community as we seek to minister to the broader needs of those around us. The Longview Swim Club is now practicing in the Mabee Natatorium and other youth leagues are discussing future activities that could be held in the Center.

We are grateful that we have this new facility and thank each of the several hundred friends who have contributed to the underwriting of its construction costs and its future operations. Because of it, we expect to be **physically fit for the future**.

Lest one forget, at LeTourneau we are also concerned about other forms of **fitness**. Through our Biblical Studies courses, chapel programs, mission outreach activities, residence hall devotional times and through the role modeling of Christian faculty and staff, we seek to provide an environment that will cause every student to be **spiritually fit for the future**, to lead and serve in their homes, churches, communities and in a needy world.

Our quality academic programs stressing rigorous preparation in a person's subject area field, integrated with a broad appreciation for foundational courses in the arts and sciences, and complemented with a high degree of hands-on experience, make for students who are **intellectually and professionally fit for the future**.

Other programs and activities stress leadership development, social preparation and life-skills that will make the LeTourneau graduate a well-balanced individual, able to function effectively in the various roles that they will fill as leaders, workers, family members, citizens of their community and as servants of Jesus Christ . . . **totally fit for the future**.

One of the Best.. Again

U.S. News & World Report has once again ranked LeTourneau University as "One of America's Best Colleges," and one of the "Best Values" in the nation.



LeTourneau was ranked fourth among regional liberal arts colleges in the West, tying for that ranking with Texas Lutheran College. The University has been regularly ranked in the top ten over the last several years. This is the second-highest ranking the Longview-based University has received from the magazine in the ten years it has published college rankings.

The University was named as one of the best values in American education. The "Best Values" issue ranks institutions which not only provide a quality education, but are also able to keep their costs down. LeTourneau was ranked second among western liberal arts colleges in the "Most Efficient Schools" category. According to magazine criteria, this rating ranks institutions that get the most out of their educational expenditures. LeTourneau was ranked eighth among western liberal arts colleges in the "Best Value—Sticker Prices" category. This rating, according to the publication, compares stated tuition, room, board and required fees.

According to Howard Wilson, dean of enrollment management, the value ranking is the result of strong efforts to keep quality high while keeping costs affordable. For more information see the *U.S. News 1997 College Guide to America's Best Colleges*, or visit our website, www.letu.edu/, which links to their rankings.



Center Facts:

- Named for the Solheim Family: Karsten and Louise Solheim & John and Rhonda Solheim, in honor of their lead gifts.
- Other major donors include: Gus and Margaret Davis, Elliott and Louise Belcher and the J.E. and L.E. Mabce Foundation, LeTourneau faculty and staff and friends of LeTourneau in East Texas.
- Cost of the Center: including endowment for operational expenses: \$7.1 million.
- Designer and general contractor: Stanmar, Inc., Sudbury, Mass., one of the nation's premier builders of college athletic facilities. Most of the actual construction was done by East Texas subcontractors.
- Square footage: Approx. 65,000, plus renovation of the existing 11,000 sq. ft. Belcher Gymnasium, plus 6 outdoor tennis and 2 sand volleyball courts.

Solheim
Center
Activated



Betty Hollinger (right) and Trish Ball try out the new stationary bicycles in the Life Fitness Room. There is also an Activity and Aerobics Room and a Free-Weight Room.



Opening day ribbon cutting. Representatives from the student body, the faculty and administration, as well as several staff members had significant roles in the construction of the Center. The formal dedication of the Center is set for Nov. 7.

Thank You...
Shaping Tomorrow Contributors!

Thank you so much. You may never know how your contribution fully affects us. You have donated to a great cause.

Ethan Cooper
Senior, Computer Science and Engineering
Vista, California

Thank you so much for a beautiful facility. As part of the women's volleyball team, I certainly appreciate all the equipment available to be better prepared to serve the Lord. God's blessing to you for all you gave.

Wendy Hyre
Freshman, Business Administration
Longview, Texas

This Center not only provides a positive environment for Christian fellowship, but a much needed environment for becoming the best physically. May the Lord richly give back to you for your generous blessing to us.

Lee Ann Shaw
Admissions Counselor

Thanks so much for your generosity. Already our family is enjoying the Solheim so very much. You helped make this family time possible.

Brenda Day
Assessment Assistant
Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies

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FACTS:

- 155,000 gallons of water in the pool
- 100,000 bricks in the Center
- 2,000 gallons of paint on the walls
- 1,022 square yards of carpet on the floors
- 88 doors and 40 telephones throughout the building
- Alumnus Jun Kim designed the "Yellowjacket" mascot painted on the Solheim Arena floor



Students and children of staff members play wally ball, a combination of volleyball and racquetball, in one of the three new Thomas Racquetball Courts.



The new Center has two gymnasiums. Pictured here is one side of the Solheim Arena, with total seating for 1,200 fans. The original gymnasium has also been completely remodeled and updated and has been renamed the Belcher Gymnasium.

The Center was funded through the "Shaping Tomorrow" 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign. "Shaping Tomorrow" is a three-year, \$16 million campaign in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the University. Other aspects of the campaign include a new engineering and science facility, student aid and general program support.



Testimonials to the Life and Ministry of Professor Keith Glass, 1928-1996

Many dozens of current and former students wrote to Mr. Glass during the final days of his illness.

They testify of a man whose character and Christian witness had a tremendous shaping influence on their lives. Here are just a few of these comments:

The measure of a man in this world is not just in his accomplishments, but in the accomplishments of those he touched and taught and trained. You have touched and taught many, in ways you will never realize. Our success is a tribute to the blessings of the Lord and the dedication of your life.

— Tom (WE '75) and Terri (MA '74 - '75) Landon Tomball, Texas

I love the way you teach! You have an easy going approach to learning - it was fun! And you had a genuine interest in your students, took time for them, and had patience. You are the best teacher I've ever had and I'm glad I got to meet you and have your influence on my life!

— Hannah Pepon Current Student Vanceburg, Kentucky

I wanted to write you and tel you that one of the best classes I ever had was your machine tool class where we built that two-cycle engine. I was part of the team last fall whose engine ran "like a scared rabbit."

— Steve Helmick former student Abilene, Texas



Keith Glass with the Lord

Assistant professor of welding, Keith Glass, passed away July 23, 1996. He was 68. Prof. Glass battled a particularly aggressive form of cancer that had invaded many of his major organs. He had completed the spring semester and had planned to resume his position in the fall, but the Lord had other plans.

He was one of LeTourneau Technical Institute's earliest graduates, earning a degree in Industrial Science in 1951. He returned to serve on the faculty in 1968. Generations of students studied under him. Among the current faculty, only two other professors had been at the University longer than Prof. Glass.

Prof. Glass had a quiet sense of humor and liked to joke in a way that would catch people by surprise. Larry Douglas, a 1987 welding engineering alumnus, remembered how Glass would tell his students that he had "three and a half-dozen" children. Students would gulp, wonder at the feasibility of such a feat, and then realize that he was referring to his nine (3 plus 6) offspring.

Survivors include wife, Patricia Kay Glass of Longview; daughters, Judy Robinson of Longview, Linda May of Overton, Crystal Glass of San Antonio and Anita Prazak of Diana; sons, Monroe Glass of Detroit, Michigan; Paul, Kenneth, Chip and Dale Glass, all of Longview; sister, Leah Briggs of Elmhendorf; brother, Robert Glass of Tremont, Illinois, and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Keith Glass Scholarship Fund at LeTourneau University.

Fly, Float, Putt-putt and Bump-bump

One flies through the air, one floats on the water, one putt-putts around a circular track, and one bumps up and down rock-strewn hillsides.

It's project time again. Teams of LeTourneau students, under the tutelage of Dr. Bill Thrasher, professor of mechanical engineering, are working on four different projects this year. In each case they must design as well as build the project.

Here are the projects:

AERO DESIGN. A radio-controlled airplane that will lift the greatest cargo using a prescribed platform area and engine. The competition will be in April in Daytona Beach, Florida. Team members include Peter Baba, Jeanne Bennett, Heather Campbell, Mark Krause, Heather McLean, Ryan Pinsenschaum, Tracey Riverman, Wes Roche and Peter Van Wieren.

SOLAR SPLASH. A boat that uses solar power will race in a 300-yard sprint and two-hour enduro. The competition will be in June in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Team members are Jeff Billo, Mike Humy, Steven Hutson, Dan Merrill, Nathan Rindal, Reginald Shaw II, and Andrew Travis.

SUPERMILEAGE CAR. Using a prescribed engine and a set amount of gasoline, the winning vehicle must go farther than any other—more than 1,000 miles per gallon. The competition will be in June in Marshall, MI. Team members include Karl Gross, Phil McLeod, Rich Poorman, Matthew Tayloe, Wes Thun and Martin Tornow.

MINI-BAJA. An off-road vehicle capable of operating under incredibly grueling conditions that include sprints, hill climbs and endurance races. The competition will be in April in Tempe, Arizona. Team members are David Archibald, Ty Hagy, John Morris, Armand Mowery, Misty Ryan, Laurie Salo, Shannon Smith and John Walrod.

As different as each project is from the others, all share one common element: the need for donations of cash and materials. Students must not only provide the brain- and muscle-power, they must pay for much of each project's costs, which can average several hundred dollars per team member. Alumni and friends are invited to participate with a team by providing financial gifts or donating items on the "team's wish list." For specifics on what each team will need, contact Dr. Bill Thrasher, Division of Engineering, or the Office of University Advancement.

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Thank You for All You Do!

The University recently honored 39 longtime employees with service pins recognizing years of employment with the institution. Collectively the employees represent 480 years of service to the University.

"LeTourneau University is only starting its fifty-first year. That means that many of those we honor have served the University for at least half its existence," said Alvin O. Austin, president. "We are grateful for the service, leadership and stability these co-workers bring to us."

Leading the list are five employees with 30 years service: Gerrie Forbis, administrative assistant; William Kielhorn, professor emeritus; Kenneth Roden, associate professor; Mary Shank, recorder; and John Stuber, registrar's assistant. Richard Berry, vice president emeritus, and Toll Owens, physical plant staff, were also honored for achieving the 25-year mark.

Others honored included:

20 YEARS – Douglas Ford, Mary Owens and Isabelle Seeger.

15 YEARS – Leta Faye Arnold and David Crowson.

10 YEARS – Alvin Austin, Melba Brewer, Walter Burklin, Fredric Carlson, Jean Carlson, Jeanne Donner, James Englund, Doris Hall, Betty Hollinger, Timothy Hurd and Donna Reed.

5 YEARS – Leonard Acker, Denise Andrews, Billy Bolt, Patricia Carmack, Bobby Davis, Mary Emerson, Robin Galano, Teddy Hansard, John Harris, Bertha Howard, Barbara Johnson, Jonathan Latham, Doris Riley, Brenda Robertson, William Schroeder and Dordaine Simpson.

New Faculty Members Bring Expertise, Enthusiasm

A bumper crop of new faculty members has joined the University this fall, bringing with them a wide breadth of experience and intense enthusiasm for the ministry of Christian education.

Dr. Yoni Adonyi, professor of welding engineering, comes to LeTourneau from United States Steel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Originally from Romania, he and his wife, Annmarie, have lived in Israel and Ohio, where Dr. Adonyi earned his Ph.D. in welding engineering at Ohio State. His daughter, Aleena, is a freshman.

Keith Anderson, instructor in aeronautical science, is an '83 LeTourneau grad and served with Missionary Aviation Fellowship in Guatemala and Venezuela for eight years. He and his wife, Jan, have two children.

Richard Baney, P.E., instructor in mechanical engineering technology, is also a LeTourneau grad (1970). Richard had the shortest move—across the street from LeTourneau, Inc., where he was a senior buyer and formerly a project engineer. Richard and his wife, Jackie, have four children, including son Kevin, who is a '93 L.U. alumnus.

Dr. Roger Gonzalez, P.E., assistant professor of mechanical engineering, formerly held a joint appointment at Northwestern University and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. He and his wife, Yvette, have two children.

Dr. Robert Greene, professor of business management, will serve at the Houston Educational Center. He previously was owner and senior consultant with Management Systems Plus, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He earned his Ph.D. in management from Georgia State University.

Patricia Humphrey, instructor in business administration, is completing the requirements for her Ph.D. in marketing, which she plans to finish this year. She comes to LeTourneau from Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. She and her husband, Billy, have two children.

Dr. Matthew Hyre, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was formerly a research engineer with Thermo Power Corporation, Waltham, Massachusetts. He earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is also a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. Matt's wife, Wendy, is a full-time student at LeTourneau and a member of the women's varsity volleyball team.

Rev. John Miller, along with his wife, Linda, will serve as the 1996-97 missionaries-in-residence, a position they also held in 1991-92. The Millers have served with CAM International for 33 years in Mexico and Spain. Pictured here is the anniversary celebration of the church the Millers founded 20 years ago in San Sebastian, Spain. Presenting flowers to Linda is the church's newest convert.

Troy Willis, coordinator of public services, will serve as the Learning Resource Center's primary link to the world. He holds a master of library science from the University of North Texas and also studied at Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Jane, have three children.

Dr. Donald Winsted, assistant professor of psychology, served on the research staff at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, and also has served at Purdue University. He earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Ball State. Don and his wife, Kim, have one daughter.



Some of the 39 employees who were recently honored for years of service. The employees represent almost 500 years of faithful, dedicated service.



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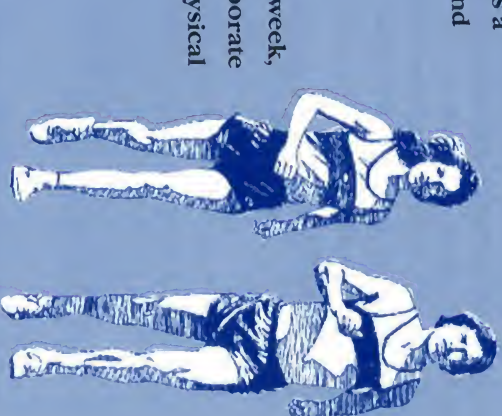
Fit for the Future

"I was literally starving myself," said Derwood Phillips, president of Insurance One in Dallas. "I was not eating the right amount of nutrients. As a result of this course I have had a complete attitude change toward eating and exercising."

Phillips is one of more than 100 students who has benefited from LeTourneau's new course called "Lifetime Fitness for Executives." Offered through the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies, the seven-week, three-credit evening course teaches busy adult professionals how to incorporate fitness concepts into their daily lives. Topics include nutrition and diet, physical fitness, weight measurement, cardiovascular health, body composition, substance abuse avoidance, orthopedic and muscular fitness and stress management.

The course was designed and written by Dr. Richard Peterson, a cardiovascular physiologist and chair of the Science Department at Christian Heritage College, San Diego, California. Dr. Richard Beach, director of athletics and coordinator of physical education at LeTourneau, also collaborated on the project.

"Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19) and part of our Christian service is to treat our bodies with care and respect. All too often we abuse our health and are not able to fully serve as a result of poor habits, poor nutrition and lack of exercise. This course will really help our adult students," said Beach.



"Master's Touch" Chaplaincy Program Ministers to Adult Students

Life does not get put on hold when adults enroll in LeTourneau's degree programs. Adding a demanding study program on top of family and work responsibilities can heighten anxiety and make it more difficult to deal with negative or unexpected situations. But students of the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies now have a helping hand: the "Master's Touch" chaplaincy program.

On-campus students have long had both a campus pastor and trained counselors to help them, but no one has specifically focused on the needs of adult students. Meeting this need for spiritual support and crisis intervention has been a targeted goal of the division's leadership. "We want to assist students and their families through life's valleys," said Linda Fitzhugh, associate dean of the division.

Under the leadership of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies Student Services, chaplains have been selected to serve students at all class sites, including Bedford, Dallas, Houston, Longview and Tyler. These volunteer chaplains all hold a graduate degree in theology, biblical studies or a related field. Most are credentialed to teach the Old and New Testament courses which are required in the adult degree program. Many are pastors of local evangelical churches. All are involved because they love people and have a desire to minister to the lives of LeTourneau's adult students.

Chaplains are being assigned to a specific class at the beginning of the degree program and visit the class several times. They are available for both spiritual counseling and crisis counseling. They are also prepared to provide referrals to professional counselors and support groups for special needs. Because many of the adult students—particularly in Dallas and Houston—are new to the area, chaplains can help them select a church home.

"Our prayer is that this new and exciting chaplaincy program will serve as an additional means of spiritual support and guidance for adult students during their academic journey at LeTourneau University," said Dr. Robert Hudson, dean of the Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies Division. "Our goal is to extend the mission of the University. This is one area in which we can demonstrate our distinctiveness as a Christ-centered institution."



The first group of Houston-area "Master's Touch" chaplains recently met with staff at the Houston LeTourneau Educational Center. Pictured are (from left to right): Dr. George Moses, Judy Hogan, student services coordinator; Dr. Bill Plernot, Houston director; Dr. David Sapp; Dr. Randall Pannell and Dr. Felisi Sorgwe.

The Master's Touch chaplaincy program is designed to help meet the unique needs of the adult student.

GRADUATE, ADULT CONTINUING STUDIES DIVISION

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Leadership 101

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It's been referred to as "an M.B.A. with the shirt sleeves rolled up," and "Leadership 101." Whatever you call it, it's 108 hours of exceptional management training specifically designed for busy leaders.

LeTourneau University and the American Management Association (AMA) have joined together to offer the prestigious AMA "Certificate in Management" program. The program began this fall with courses offered in both Longview and Dallas.

The American Management Association is the nation's foremost provider of management training programs, and the AMA Certificate in Management program is a recognized benchmark of management expertise. The curriculum consists of eight noncredit management courses that combine sound management theory with practical skills development. Participants earn the Certificate in Management when they complete six of the eight courses.

According to Dr. Robert Hudson, dean of the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies for LeTourneau, participants will greatly benefit from the Certificate program. "They will gain new skills, develop their abilities, network with their peers and obtain a nationally recognized Certificate in Management. For someone who is serious about a management career, this is an excellent opportunity," said Hudson.

Each course is \$195, which includes eighteen hours of instruction, AMA textbook, supplemental handouts and 1.8 CEU's (continuing education units). Courses meet weekly for six weeks from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The first course, "First Line Supervision," was offered this fall, with the other courses to be offered in sequence during the next 18 months.

Courses in the curriculum include:

- First Line Supervision
- Communication Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Managing Conflict in the Organization
- What Managers Do
- Finance and Accounting
- Taking Control with Time Management
- Building High Performance Teams

Participants may enroll at any time during the 18 month sequence and may also elect to take only one or two courses, rather than enroll for the entire certificate program. For more information and registration forms, contact the LeTourneau University Office of Continuing Studies, at (903) 233-3248 or toll-free at 1-800-388-5327.

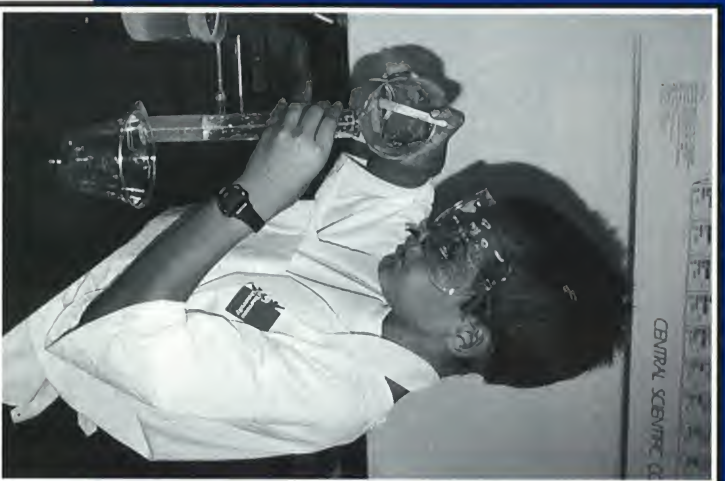
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A Slime Ka-Boom chemistry camper mixes up a batch of goo. More than 24 different academic camps, some with multiple sessions, kept the campus busy during June and July. Including both athletic and academic camps, more than 1,500 campers participated in 60 different camp sessions.



Camp photos: Tina Barrett

SUMMER CAMPS '96

"Ham it up!" Camp Sport Time is an afternoon activity-oriented camp and one of nearly a dozen athletic camps offered this past summer by the Office of Continuing Studies.





Solheim Center Boosts Athletic Program

"Unanimously positive" is how Director Bill Robinson describes the reaction to the new Solheim Recreation and Activity Center. The Solheim Center has already proven to be a big boost to the athletic program during the short time it has been open. Although it wasn't primarily designed as a varsity athletic facility, the Center provides substantially improved locker rooms, competition and training areas that are already being appreciated by the student-athletes. The Center will make a significant long-term contribution to an already improving athletic program.

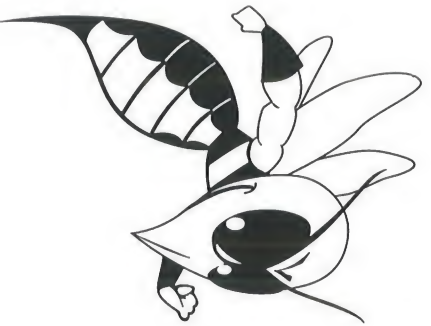
The Fall sports program is off to a good start with all three fall programs showing well in early season competition . . .

SOCCEER: Coach Steve Barrett's soccer team has won three of four contests to open the season with the only loss at the hands of Division I, Texas Christian University by a 3-1 score. The Yellowjackets have notched wins over Huston Tiltonson College (3-1), Texas Lutheran University (2-0) and Big State Conference rival, Ambassador University (2-0). Barrett's squad has a solid core of upperclassmen led by NCAA All-American, James Wright, who anchors a stout defense.

VOLLEYBALL: The women's volleyball squad, under the direction of Wendy Gibbs (no relation to *NOW* editor Bill Gibbs), has proven to be a strong defensive unit in the early going, despite having relatively little experience. Coach Gibbs' charges won their Big State Conference opener against Jarvis Christian College and played well against veteran squads from Bartlesville Wesleyan College and Kansas Newman College in the inaugural LadyJacket Volleyball Festival.

CROSS COUNTRY: Brent Lann has been named Cross Country Coach. Lann was an outstanding performer for the Yellowjacket harriers over the past four seasons. A good nucleus of talent returns this season and should field a competitive team again.

Student-Athletes Increase in Numbers: The recruiting efforts of LeTourneau athletic coaches have paid dividends in the form of increased numbers. Just over 10 percent of LeTourneau students are involved in the athletic program, representing every major on campus. Student-athletes won over half their contests last year, while achieving an overall average GPA for the year of about 2.72 on a 4.00 scale. Throughout the athletic program, continuing emphasis is placed on academic performance and graduation rates. Our focus is first and foremost to assist these students to do well academically and to graduate in a timely manner.



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Carmen Bell puts it over the net.
Also pictured are: #8 Stephanie Sloane,
#3 Kim Woodridge and #5 Heather Bock.

Photo: Clarke Morrow



Volleyball Coach Wendy Gibbs



Photo: Clarke Morrow

Jeremy Barndt (#3, left) takes command of the ball
against rival Ambassador,
as Mike Williams (#18, right) looks to assist.



Workout Equipment Goes to Jail

Longview Police Officers Association President, Sgt. Mike Bullock, right, shakes hands with Frank Galloway, director of security at LeTourneau, after the University's donation of old fitness equipment to the Longview Police Department. The equipment comes from the old weight room, which had formerly been across from the old gymnasium. The Athletic Department received all new equipment as part of the Solheim Recreation and Activity Center/Shaping Tomorrow campaign.

The Police Officers Association has set up the equipment in the City's former jail area, which is now closed, so that officers can work-out between shifts. Donated equipment included leg machines, sit-up benches and several pieces of dumbbells and weights.

LeTourneau University

Homecoming '96: Fit for the Future

Join us for Homecoming '96: Fit for the Future. Be among the first to see the new Solheim Recreation and Activity Center, enjoy sports and athletic events, visit with old friends and make new ones.

SCHEDULE AND PRICES

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Chapel: Bo Pilgrim (Pilgrim's Pride)

10:30 am

Thursday, Nov. 7

Chapel: Dedication of the Solheim Recreation and Activity Center

10:30 am

Friends of LeTourneau Dinner (\$14)

7:00 pm

Friday, Nov. 8

Alumni Chapel

10:30 am

Registration – Outside Bookstore

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration – Outside Bookstore

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Alumni Golf Tourney at Woodhollow Golf Course

Noon

(Walk: \$12, w/Cart: \$21) (BBQ: \$8)

Evening

Solheim Center open for your enjoyment

Saturday, Nov. 9

Solheim Center open to all Alumni and families

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

20-mile Bike Ride – BYOB (Bring Your Own Bike) Solheim Center

7:00 am

Tennis Tournament at Solheim Center (Entry Fee: 1 can of new tennis balls)

9:00 am

Alumni Brunch (\$6)

9:30 am

Bookstore Open

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

After the Brunch, tour and use the Solheim Center

10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Swim, do aerobics, play racquetball, volleyball, basketball, tennis and more

Book-signing Celebration with Dr. Ken Durham, author of

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

"LeTourneau University's First Fifty Years"

Internet Seminar

1:00 pm

Reunion/Homecoming Dinner (\$10)

6:00 pm

Yellowjackets Basketball Game

8:00 pm

Special HalfTime Event: Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sunday, Nov. 10

Farewell Breakfast (\$4)

8:00 – 9:00 am

Bring your family and join us for Homecoming '96: Fit for the Future!
— Bryan Benson '78, Alumni Director

By Bryan Benson
Director of
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"Fit for the Future"—A Balancing Act!

The Solheim Center is "abuzz" with activity. Fat grams fall like summer sale prices at Wal-Mart.

Perspiration beads boldly on furrowed brows. Dogged determination describes the gut-wrenching antics of us would-be athletes. Overstuffed, overspent bodies drag to the lockers. I'm certain the Lord is amused!

The center is saturated with bold declarations of intended athletic goals. "In 6 months when ...", "By Christmas I will ...", "On my 30th lap I anticipate...", and "By my second set of 100 reps I should..."

Beyond the realm of bodily exercise, the "go like there is no tomorrow" activities in the Solheim Center aptly describe life in the '90s.

Deadlines stare back from my day planner, looming ever larger day by day. The excitement and execution of newly-staked strategies exhilarate me. I find it so easy to focus on the task at hand and its anticipated results and rather flippanantly assume God's faithfulness without deliberate acknowledgment of it. Jeremiah in Lamentations 3:23 boldly declares, "Great is his faithfulness, his loving kindness begins afresh each day." (TLB) What a promise!

Regardless of vocation, we all experience God's faithfulness daily, but do we faithfully take time to daily acknowledge it?

Dear friends, strategic to being "fit for the future" is focusing in on and *acknowledging God's faithfulness today!*

